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The above amendments to Claims 10 and 11 serve to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 12 and 13 into the independent Claims 10 and 11, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled. Support for the amendment to Claims 10 and 11 is found in Claims 12 and 13 as well as in original Claims 1 and 7. Thus, no new matter has been added by the preceding amendment.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 12 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants respectfully submit that by the above amendment the subject matter of Claim 12 has been incorporated into Claim 10, and thus, Claim 10 as amended is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner stated that the language "(1) said prepolymer" lacked antecedence basis from Claim 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of the preceding amendment by which Claim 13 has been cancelled and the subject matter of Claim 13 incorporated into Claim 11. Claim 11 is allowable as written.

Claims 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Quiring et al reference (U.S. Patent 4,371,684) in view of the Pelletier et al reference (U.S. Patent 3,474,047), or the Lee reference (U.S. Patent 4,343,914) or the Lee et al reference (U.S. Patent 4,555,562).

It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot in view of the preceding amendments to Claims 10 and 11.

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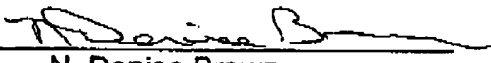
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Claims 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Batt et al reference (U.S. Patent 6,534,617) in view of the Pelletier et al reference (U.S. Patent 3,474,047), or the Lee reference (U.S. Patent 4,343,914) or the Lee et al reference (U.S. Patent 4,555,562).

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is also moot in view of the preceding amendments to Claims 10 and 11.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, the allowance of Claims 3-5, 8, and 10-11 is respectfully requested.

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